

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121 as follows (see the accompanying "marked up" version pursuant to 1.121):

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1. (Amended) A method for delivering a parcel by a carrier to a secure receptacle at a location, comprising the steps of:

- (a) dispatching the carrier to the location in accordance with delivery instructions associated with the parcel;
- (b) accessing the secure receptacle ;
- (c) placing the parcel within the secure receptacle;
- (d) securing the secure receptacle; and
- (e) automatically registering the placement of the parcel within the secure receptacle after the securing step.

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2. (Amended) The method as in claim 1, including the additional steps of:  
reading a code on the parcel in response to the securing step; and storing the code in a memory.

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3. (Amended) The method as in claim 1, the registering step including the additional steps of:  
accessing a remote location by a communication link; and

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conveying the placement data to the remote location;  
wherein the registering step is in response to and contemporaneously with the  
securing step.

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6. (Amended) The method as in claim 1, wherein the secure receptacle has a  
locked state and an unlocked state, and wherein the securing step includes the  
additional step of:  
moving from the unlocked state to the locked state after receiving the parcel.

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(Amended) The method as in claim 1, including the additional step of generating  
a log entry in response to the securing step.

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#4*  
11. (Amended) A method for shipping a parcel from a secure receptacle at a  
location, comprising the steps of:

(a) generating a pick-up request with shipping information including an  
identification of the location of the secure receptacle and an identification of a carrier;

(b) transmitting the pick-up request from the vicinity of the location to a remote  
location associated with the carrier;

(c) dispatching the carrier to the location of the secure receptacle in response  
to the pick-up request;

(b) accessing the secure receptacle;

- (c) removing the parcel from the secure receptacle; and
- (d) registering the removal of the parcel from the secure receptacle after the removing step wherein the registering step is in response to and contemporaneous with the removing step.

12. (Amended) A method for shipping a parcel from a secure receptacle at a location, comprising the steps of:

- (a) labeling the parcel in preparation for shipping with shipping information including an identification of the location of the secure receptacle;
- (b) placing the parcel in the secure receptacle; and
- (c) automatically notifying a carrier of the shipping information.

29. (Amended) A system for delivering and shipping a parcel, comprising:

a secure receptacle for receiving the parcel, the secure receptacle being positioned in a wall of an edifice, the secure receptacle having a secured opening from the exterior side of the wall and an unsecured opening from the interior side of the wall;

a locking mechanism for securing the secure receptacle from the exterior side of the wall;

a scanner positioned within the secure receptacle to scan information on the parcel; and